

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

MICHAEL K. REEVES

Art Unit: 3634

S. N. 08/925,920

Examiner: G. Strimbu

Filed: September 9, 1997

For: WHEEL RETENTION DEVICE
HAVING CAVITY AND CLOSURE
FOR SECURING WHEEL THEREWITHIN

CORROBORATIVE AFFIDAVIT

I, James H. Walters, declare as follows:

That I am the patent attorney that has been assigned power of attorney to prosecute the application S.N. 08/925,920 before the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Michael K. Reeves, inventor of the invention bearing the above serial number;

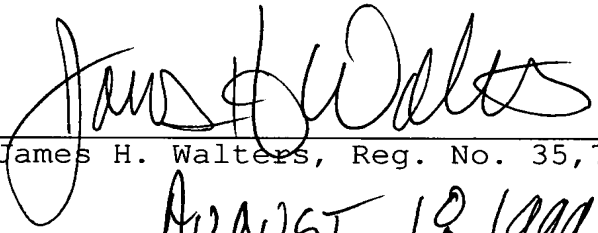
That my firm received by facsimile the four fabrication drawings that illustrate the above mentioned invention, shown on both sheets of the attached Exhibit A, prior to April 7, 1997;

That my firm also received and date stamped a promotional brochure of the above invention, as shown in attached Exhibit B, prior to April 7, 1997;

That all of the blacked-out dates on the attached exhibits are prior to the April 7, 1997, date and that the other blacked out regions relate to confidential information.

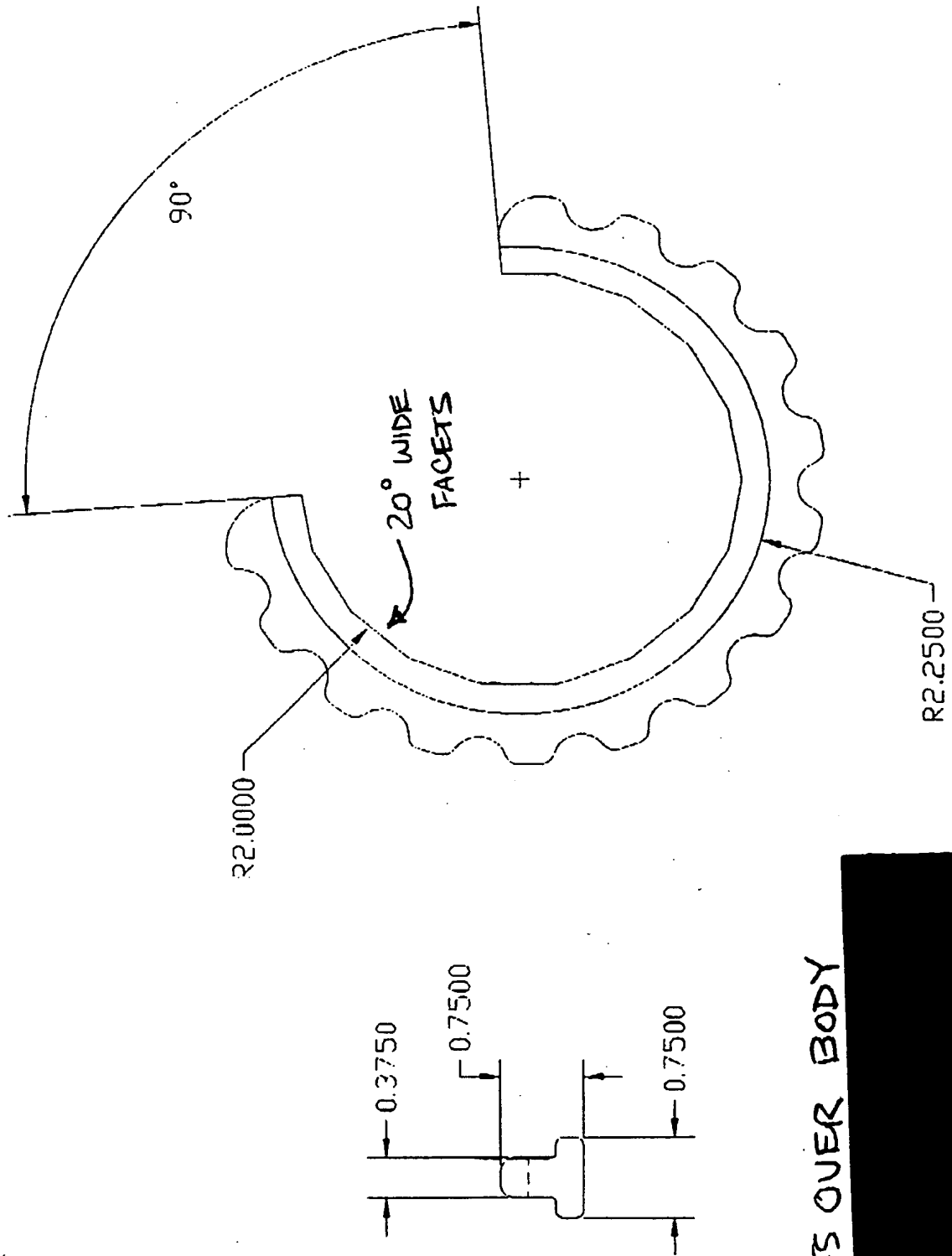
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and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18 United States Code, Section 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the subject application or any patent issued thereon.


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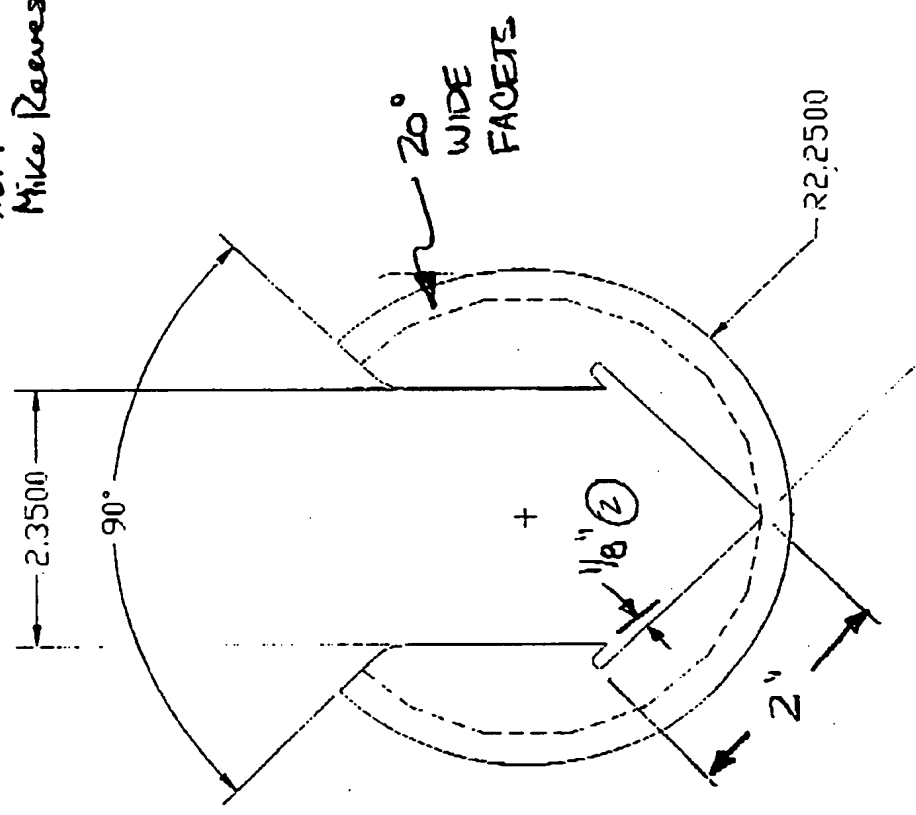
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FITS OVER BODY

BODY

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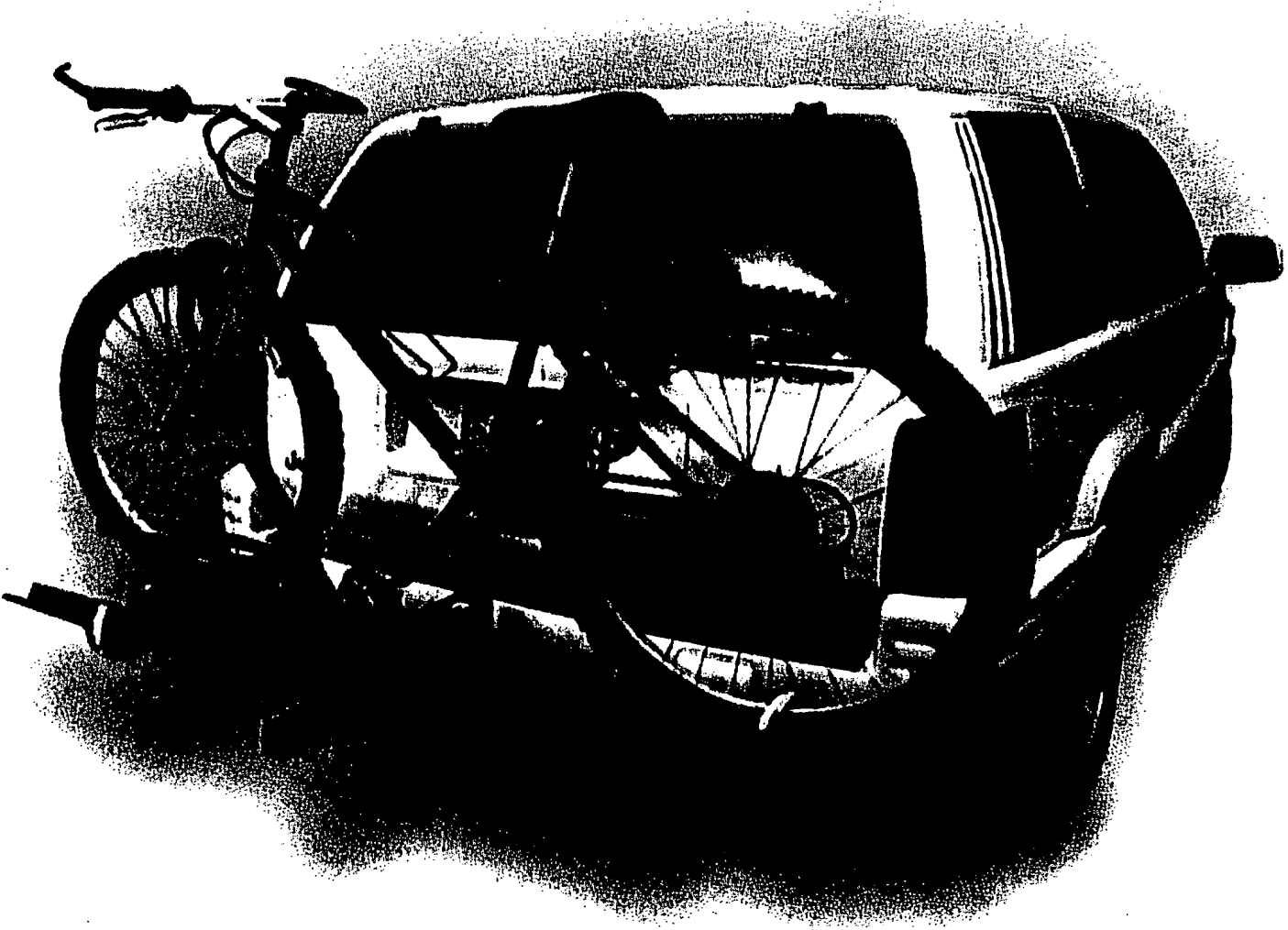


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② SLIDES OVER 2X2 1/8" ANGLE

TranSport

The easiest way to get your bikes from here to there.



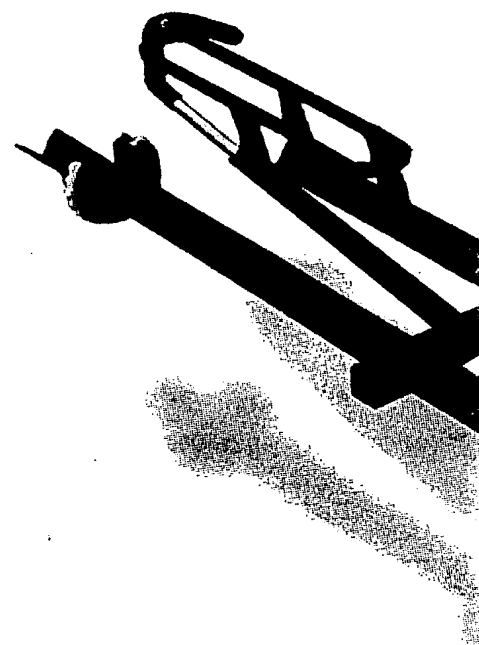
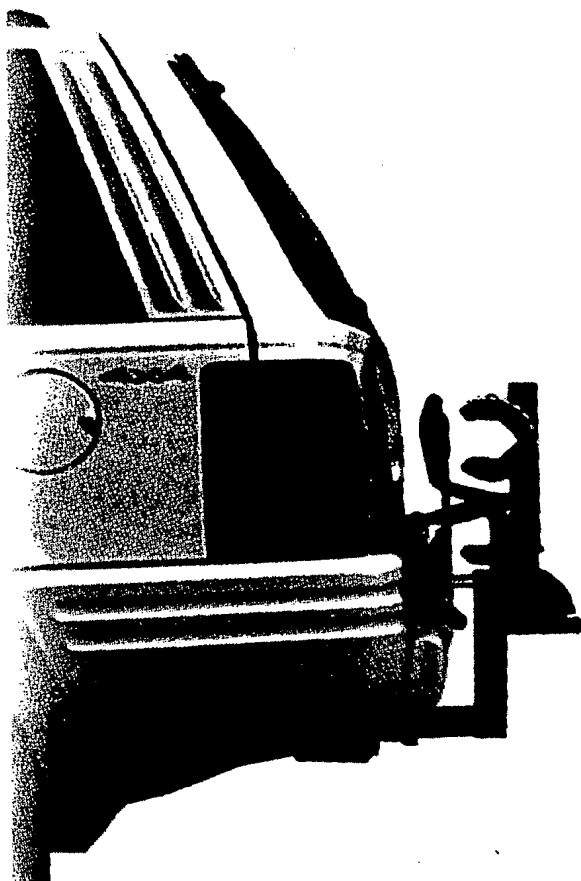
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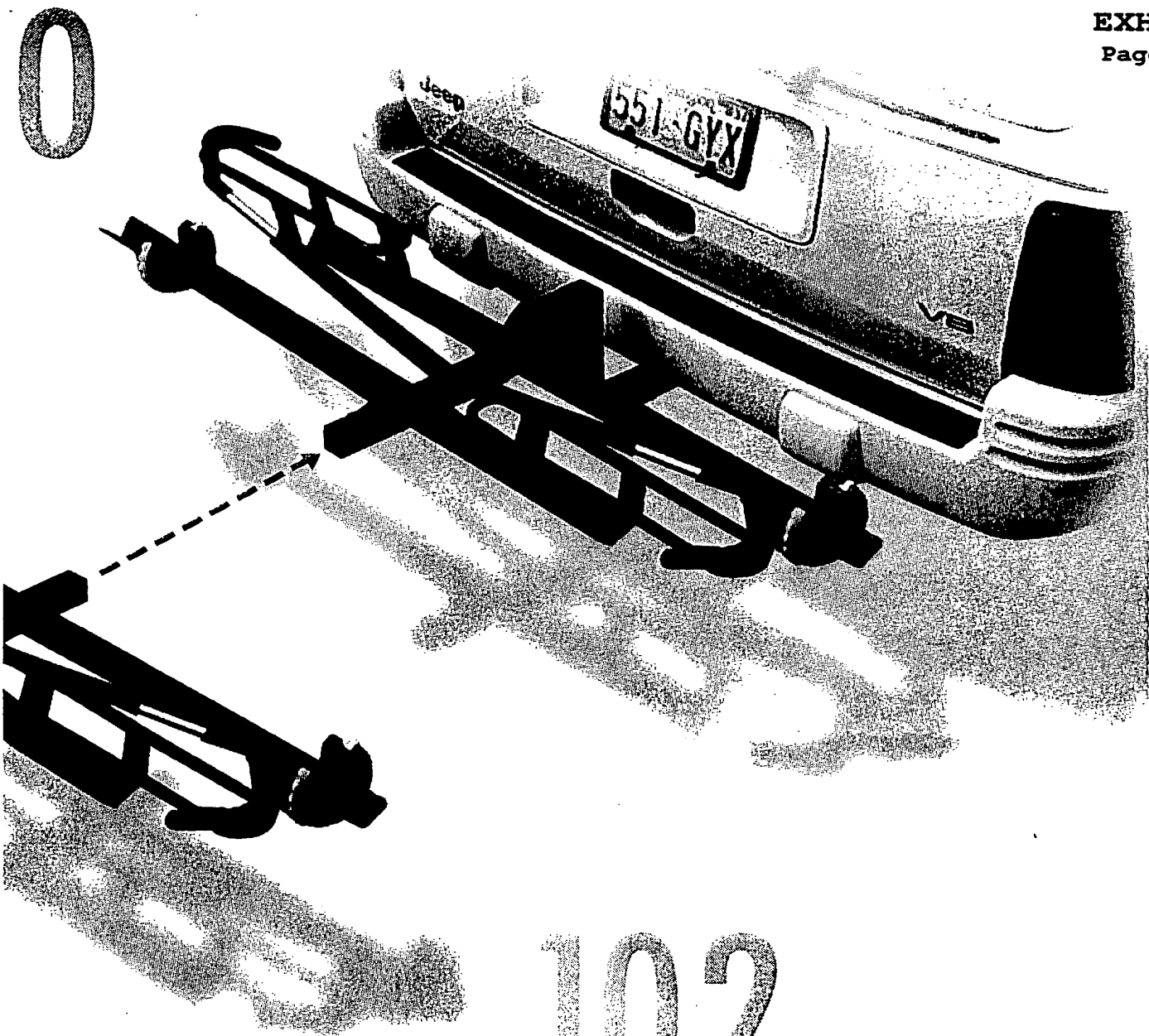
TranSport Model 100

This is our starter unit. It attaches to your 2" trailer hitch and provides you with the simplest two bicycle transport system around. The TranSport 100 can be easily folded up into the vertical position when not in use. The TranSport 100 can be expanded to hold four bikes with the addition of the TranSport 102.



TranSport

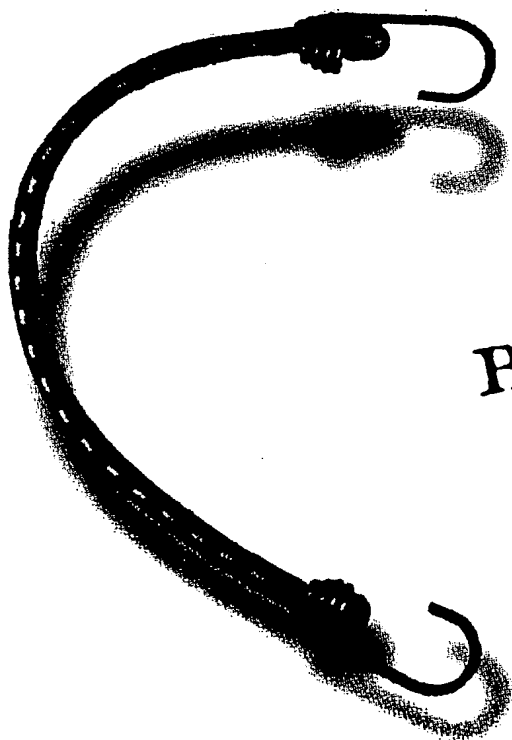
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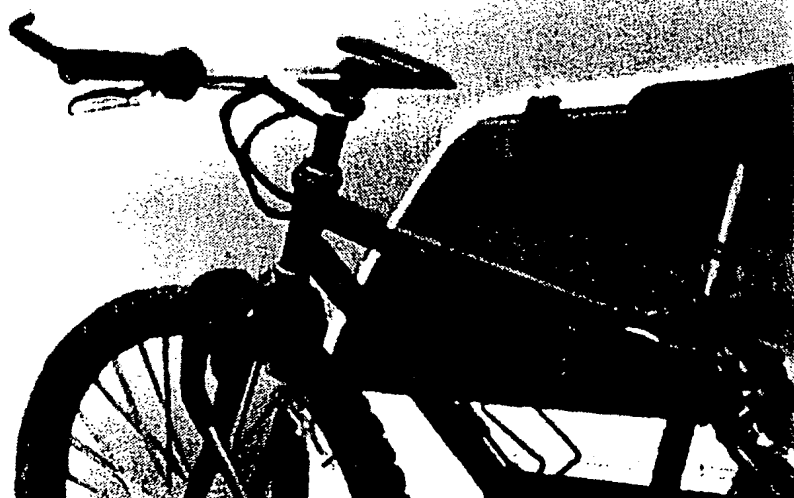
is an add-on accessory that allows for the transport of
ikes. Simply plug the TranSport 102 into the TranSport
y. The combined four bike unit may be folded up into
when not in use.



**NO
BUNGIES!**

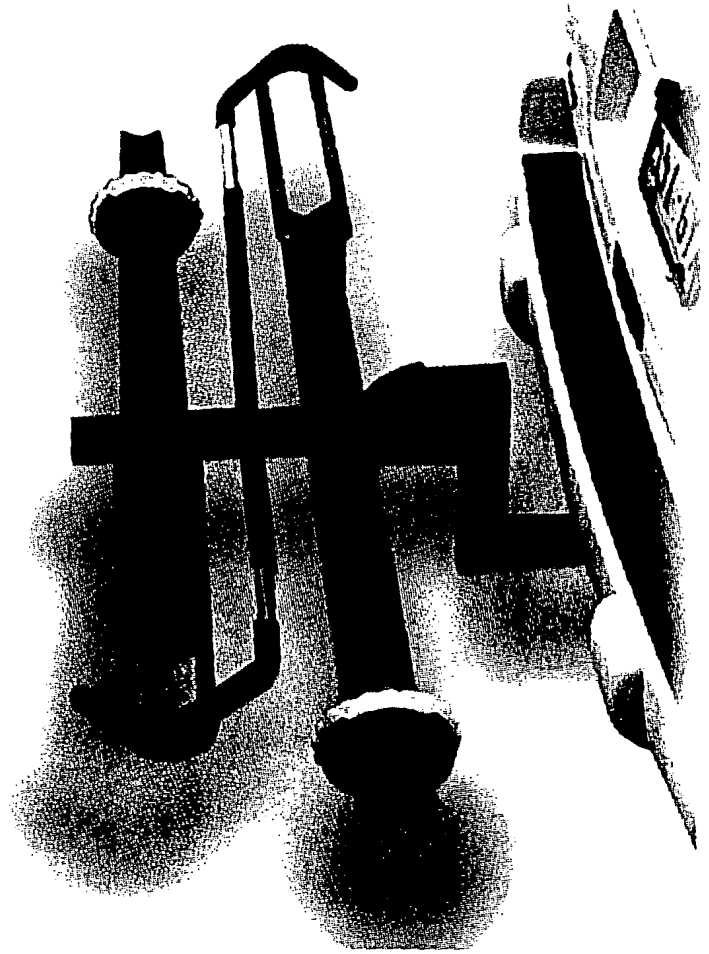
Convenient

Whether it's TranSport's ability to hold any size or type of bike, Only" load system offers unmatched convenience.

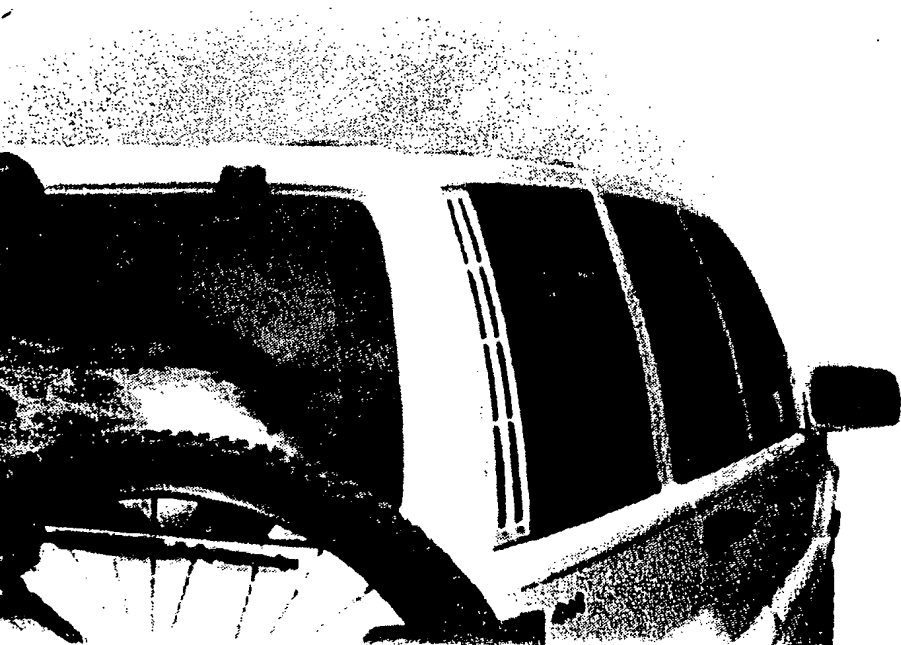


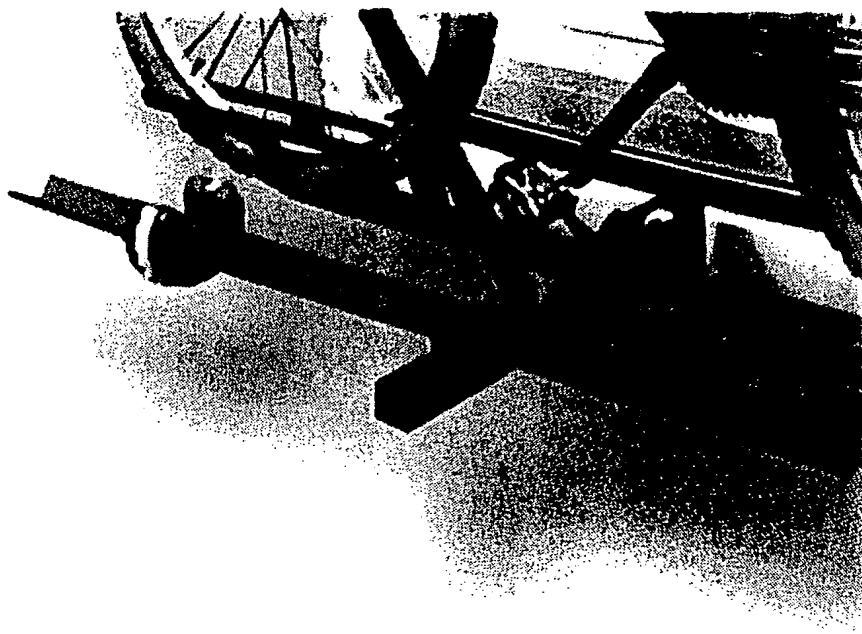
Fast & Simple

No overhead or awkward lifting, no removal of front wheels and TranSport's built in support arm and retention loop alleviates the need for any straps or bungies. If our Moms can use it...well, need we say more?



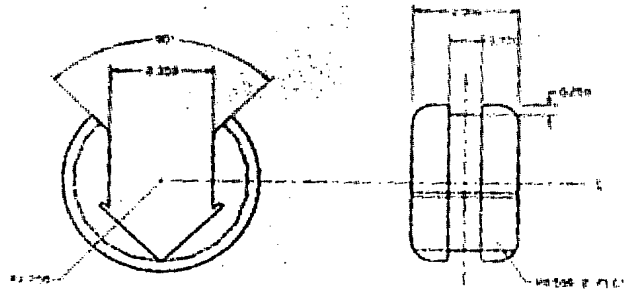
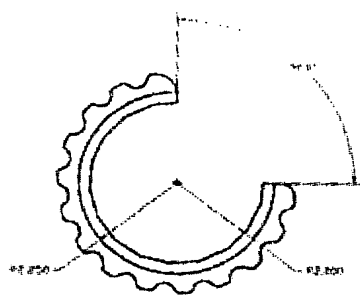
or "Wheels



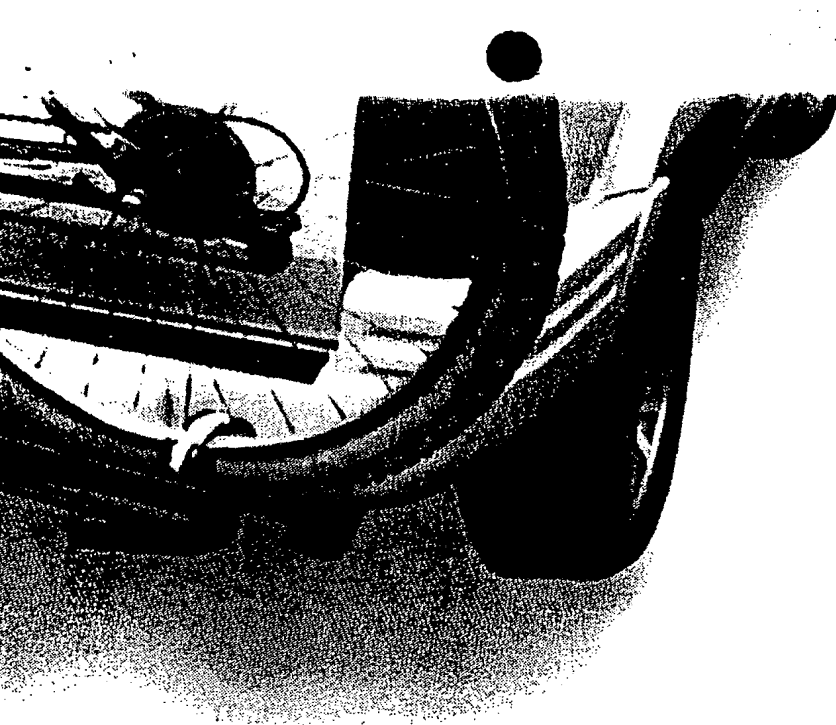


Secure

Bikes are independently held by TranSport's "Wheels Only" load system. It's great for unconventional frame configurations, carbon fiber bikes and bikes that don't have top tubes, like many woman's bikes.



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LOAD MECH



Proven

Thousands of racks later the Bike-Rack-for-Buses product is in use by tens of thousands of bicycle commuters all over the US.



Transport

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Several years ago our designers took the opportunity to create a really great product. They designed what would become the standard of the industry.....a bike rack for transit buses. It was designed with some very stringent requirements that allowed bike commuters some pretty big conveniences: quick and easy to load, would securely hold any type and nearly any size of bike, required no awkward straps or bungies and a system that wouldn't allow bikes to touch each other or the bus!

Now, thousands of racks later the Bike-Rack-for-Buses product is in use by tens of thousands of bicycle commuters from Cape Cod to San Diego and from Miami to Fairbanks, Alaska.

It took some letters, phone calls and a few years but we're now proud to offer all these great features in a new hitch mounted version of the rack!

